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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO: 09/647,743 :

ART UNIT: 1714

FILED: OCTOBER 4, 2000 :

EXAMINER: SZEKELY, P. A.

FOR: POLYOXYMETHYLENE MOULDING :
MATERIAL WITH IMPROVED :
PROCESSING STABILITY AND A :
REDUCED EMISSIONS TENDENCY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 20, 2002, kindly
amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 12.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 13. A process for manufacturing shaped articles having a formaldehyde
emission of 15 mg/kg, measured on sheets of wall thickness 1 mm after 24 hours in
accordance with VDA 275, while retaining a modulus of elasticity in accordance with
ISO 527 of from 2400 to 3100 N/mm², a yield stress in accordance with ISO 527 of from
60 to 70 N/mm² and a notched impact strength in accordance ISO 179 at 23°C of from
4 to 12 mJ/mm², comprising the steps of copolymerizing trioxane with a dioxolane using

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